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E.O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 11/28/74

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SUBJ: ADB'S 1974 BUDGET

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1. ADB 1974 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET WAS APPROVED AS
PRESENTED AT NOV 28 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

2. U.S. ALTERNATE DIRECTOR REITERATED U.S. GOVT STAND
ON NECESSITY OF ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT POST EVALUATION
MECHANISM AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. MANAGEMENT
INDICATES THAT WORKING PAPER ON SUBJECT WILL BE
COMING OUT SOON. IN MEANTIME, ECONOMICS OFFICE, WITH
ASSISTANCE OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS, IS PROCEEDING WITH
POST EVALUATION PROGRAM WHICH WILL INCLUDE REVIEW OF
SIX PROJECTS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1974. ALSO,
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REFERRING TO MANAGEMENT'S INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE "SOME

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES" OF BANK DURING 1974, U.S. ALT. DIRECTOR RAISED POINT THAT U.S. GOVT WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADB ENGAGE INDEPENDENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO REVIEW STRUCTURE AND OPERATING PROCEDURES OF ADB.

3. REGARDING REDEPLOYMENT OF NON-PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIAL STAFF, MANAGEMENT INTENDS TO REVIEW CAREFULLY BACKGROUND STAFF MEMBERS INVOLVED AND THOSE WHO QUALIFY AS ACCOUNTANTS OR STATISTICIANS WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO TREASURY DEPT TO FILL MANPOWER VOID. IN ORDER PROMOTE MORE FLEXIBILITY AMONG NON-PROFESSIONAL CLERICAL STAFF, MANAGEMENT INTENDS TO REDESIGNATE NON-PROFESSIONAL GROUP AS SUPPORTING GROUP AND WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO CROSS TRAINING IN THIS GROUP FOR PURPOSE OF BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL DEPTH AS WELL AS TO REDUCE COST OF CLERICAL STAFF.

4. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. IS SUGGESTION BY INDIAN DIRECTOR THAT ADB SHOULD CONSIDER INSTITUTING TWO ENVELOPE SYSTEM IN SELECTION PROCESS OF CONSULTANTS. THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT. USADB WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THIS IDEA.

5. AUSTRALIAN DIRECTOR SUGGESTED APPROVAL OF 1974 BUDGET SHOULD BE ON PROVISIONAL BASIS PENDING OUTCOME OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (ADF) CREATION SINCE, IN EVENT ADF DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, ACTIVITIES OF BANK WILL BE CURTAILED SIGNIFICANTLY. THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR THIS MOVE.

6. PRESIDENT INOUE WOUND UP DISCUSSION BY RESPONDING TO SEVERAL ISSUES STRESSED BY DIRECTORS: CLOSER REVIEW OF LIQUIDITY POLICY IN LIGHT OF IMPROVING DISBURSEMENT RATE; ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE; REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES; REFINING FORECASTING AND PLANNING PROCEDURE; AND WORKING OUT MORE SMOOTH WORKFLOW THROUGH BETTER HOME LEAVE COORDINATION AND ADDITIONAL STAFF RECRUITMENT.
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